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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 219

H.P. 185

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Pouliot of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative Telow of Lewiston and Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Absentee Voting by the
Elderly.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 MRSA §1, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 256, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Absentee voter. "Absentee voter" means a person who is unable to cast his ballot in the municipality in which he is registered to vote, for one of the following reasons: Absence from the municipality during the time the polls are open on election day; physical incapacity not adversely affecting his soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits his doing so; confinement in a jail or penal institution; unreasonable distance from the polls, if he is a resident of a township or a coastal island ward or district; 65 years of age or older; or that the person was engaged in registering voters for that election on election day at the office of the registrar

1 or the board of registration and as a result was un-
2 able to get to his voting place while the polls were
3 open.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The purpose of this bill is to allow the elderly
6 who may have problems getting around an opportunity
7 to vote at their own convenience without having to
8 depend on 3rd parties for transportation to the
9 polls.

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